

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application;

--1. (Currently Amended) A sealing vessel comprising:

a pair of flat glass plates;

a glass frame member pinched between said pair of flat plates;

an adhering member formed of low-melting point glass for sealing a space provided inside of said frame member by melting and adhering to inner surfaces of said pair of flat glass plates at a contact location with said frame member and by melting and adhering to an outer peripheral surface of said frame member; and

fixing block means for temporarily coupling said pair of flat plates at [[an]] a location outside of said frame member and being formed of a first metal fixing block adhered at an inner side to one of said pair of flat plates and having a finely finished surface on an outer side thereof and a second metal fixing block adhered at an inner side to the other of said pair of flat plates and having a finely finished surface at an outer side thereof, the finely finished surfaces of the outer sides of the first and second metal fixing blocks being brought into contact to fix a distance between the pair of flat glass plates and said first and second metal fixing blocks being welded together.

--2. - 12. (Cancelled)

--13. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus comprising:

a pair of flat glass plates;

a glass frame member pinched between said pair of flat glass plates;

an adhering member formed of low-melting point glass for sealing a space provided inside of said frame member by melting and adhering to inner surfaces of said pair of flat glass plates at a contact location with said frame member and by melting and adhering to an outer peripheral surface of said glass frame member; and

fixing block means for temporarily coupling said pair of flat glass plates at a location outside of said frame member and being formed of a first metal fixing block adhered at an inner side to one of said pair of flat plates and having a finely finished surface on an outer side thereof and a second metal fixing block adhered at an inner side to the other of said pair of flat plates and having finely finished surface on an outer side thereof, the finely finished surfaces of the outer sides of the first and second metal fixing blocks being brought into contact to fix a distance between the pair of flat glass plates and said first and second metal fixing blocks being welded together prior to the melting of the adhering member.

--14. - 16. (Cancelled)

--18. (Original) The display apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a getter material attached to an inner surface of

said frame member.

--19. (New) The sealing vessel as claimed in claim 1,
wherein

said first and second metal fixing blocks have a thermal
expansion coefficient substantially the same as a thermal
expansion coefficient of the pair of flat glass plates.

--20. (New) The display apparatus as claimed in claim 13,
wherein

said first and second metal fixing blocks have a thermal
expansion coefficient substantially the same as a thermal
expansion coefficient of the pair of flat glass plates.